

WATERCRAFT USER GUIDE

for Prospect Lake and Quail Lake

2016

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Prospect Lake is operated by
the City of Colorado Springs
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department (PRCS)

Within the PRCS, there are multiple divisions, which include:
Recreation and Administration; Cemeteries; Cultural Services;
Golf; Parks Operation, Development and Forestry; and Pikes Peak America's Mountain.
Each division is responsible for managing specific City resources
and bringing the citizens of Colorado Springs the best services possible.

Prospect Lake is managed by the Recreation and Administration Division.



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BOATING HOURS

MEMORIAL PARK HOURS

November 1 to April 30: Daily; 5 AM-9 PM
May 1 to October 31: Daily; 5 AM-11 PM.

PROSPECT LAKE BOATING HOURS

Year-Round Hours

Motorized Watercraft & Motorized Personal Watercraft (Wake Allowed)

Non-motorized Watercraft (Wakeless)
(Sail, Float Tubes, Belly Boats and Hand Propelled Watercraft)

Wake Allowed Hours:

Monday-Friday Sunrise to 11 AM and 5 PM to Sunset
(see exceptions)
Wednesday 5 PM to Sunset (Personal Watercraft ONLY)
Saturday Sunrise to 11 AM (Motorized Boats ONLY)
11 AM to 2 PM (Personal Watercraft ONLY)
Sunday Sunrise to 12 PM and 5 PM to Sunset
(Motorized Boats ONLY)

Wakeless Hours:

Monday-Friday 11 AM-5PM ALL NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT
Saturday 2 PM to Sunset
Sunday 12 PM to 5 PM

NOTE: The lake is CLOSED for all the Adaptive Water-Ski dates.
See page 11 for details

Special Events and organized open water swimming
may be scheduled during boating times.
These activities can/will pre-empt some or all boating hours
for the duration of the event.
For information on Special Events, visit
coloradosprings.gov/SpecialEvents

Please be respectful to all users of the lake.
See Enforcement of Rules and Regulations.
In the event of a conflict, please contact the
Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Dispatch at (719) 444-7000.



GENERAL RULES

- All watercraft use is by permit only.
- No swimming or wading allowed, unless in the designated beach area. *Please contact the YMCA for hours of operation.*
- Dogs are allowed on a leash in the surrounding lake areas. *NOTE: Leash laws are in effect for Prospect Lake and Memorial Park.*
- No ice-related activities shall be permitted on the lake.
- Due to the possibility of damage to the lake liner, no anchoring devices will be permitted on or around the lake.

WATERCRAFT

DEFINITIONS & PERMIT REGULATIONS

Required by City Codes, Sections 4.1.101 & 4.3.109

4.1.101 Definitions

WATERCRAFT: Every type of vessel used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. Watercraft MAY include hand-propelled boats, belly boats, motorized boats and wind vessels. Ord. 4716; 1968 Code, Section 10-2; Ord. 88-65; Ord. 88-265; Ord. 01-42

4.3.109 Watercraft Permits

The Manager shall regulate the use of watercraft upon any park, park property or park facility and require permits for appropriate types or classes of watercraft used upon any park, park property or park facility. It shall be unlawful to use any watercraft upon the waters in any park unless a permit has been issued in accordance with this article and the Manager's rules and regulations.

1968 Code, Section 10-24.18; Ord. 80-47; Ord. 01-42

PERMIT FEES

Identification Plate and User	Fee
Motorboat	\$125
Motorized Personal Watercraft	\$80
Non-motorized Watercraft	
• Sailboat	\$50
• Float Tubes, Belly Boats and Hand Propelled Watercraft	\$50
Day Permit <i>(Non-motorized only)</i>	\$5/vessel
Dealer <i>(any vessel type includes 3 permits)</i>	\$225

KEY DEPOSIT

A \$10 key deposit will be assessed when purchasing a permit. The key deposit can be credited to the following year's account or a refund can be processed when the annual key is returned.

The lock at the boat ramp has changed. Please return last year's key at the time a NEW permit is purchased.

The gate must be closed and locked after vessel is launched and vehicle is parked.



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RULES & REGULATIONS

Authorized by City Code, Section 4.2.101

APPLICATION FOR BOAT PERMITS

Each person applying for a watercraft permit shall present to the Manager or the Manager's designee the following:

Evidence of a current Colorado State Boat Registration certificate and number, unless exempt by statute due to the type of watercraft.

Insurance is required for motorized watercraft. No motorized watercraft permit shall be issued to the applicant without evidence of current public liability and property damage insurance policies. The following insurance coverage shall be required in the name of the watercraft owner:

**Bodily Injury and Property Damage:
Combined single limit of \$300,000**

Each policy of insurance shall contain an endorsement that the insurance carrier shall notify the City at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of any reduction or cancellation of the policy. The cancellation or reduction of insurance shall be cause for automatic suspension of the permit.

WATERCRAFT INSPECTION FORM

Each person applying for a watercraft permit is required to complete a City of Colorado Springs PRCS - Watercraft Equipment Inspection Form. *(Boat Dealers are exempt from this requirement.)*

DEALER PERMIT

Marine craft, boat dealers or others engaged in the business of selling boats may obtain special dealer permits for use on boats they may be testing or demonstrating. By applying for a dealer permit, each dealer acknowledges that the boat tested or demonstrated carries all safety equipment required by the State of Colorado and the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

TERMS/WAIVER OF BOAT PERMITS

Upon issuance, the permit shall be permanently affixed in a conspicuous location on an exterior surface of the boat.

Upon issuance of the permit, the watercraft owner will receive a key to open the gate at the boat ramp. As a Prospect Lake permit holder, you are required to lock the gate after launching and loading watercraft.

Each permit is a nontransferable, revocable permit which shall continue in full force and effect from the date of issuance through December 31 of the year of issuance, unless sooner terminated, discontinued or revoked by the provisions of these rules and regulations or by legal action or operation of law.

Designated personnel may, from time to time, close Prospect Lake to the public for use by the City in promoting or sponsoring special events and may waive the permit requirement for special events.

WHERE TO PURCHASE PROSPECT LAKE BOAT PERMIT

Sertich Ice Center: Mondays-Fridays; 8 AM-5 PM

1705 East Pikes Peak Avenue | Colorado Springs, CO 80909
P: (719) 385-5983 | F: (719) 385-6063 | coloradosprings.gov/Sertich

Non-motorized Day Permits are available @ Boat House during vendors hours of operation.

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WATERCRAFT USE ON PROSPECT LAKE

- All motorized and personal motorized watercrafts can only launch and load from the boat ramp. **No staging or cleaning on the ramp.**
- The gate must be closed and locked after vessel is launched and vehicle is parked.
- No person shall use any watercraft on Prospect Lake in a careless or reckless manner or as to interfere with the reasonable use or enjoyment of the lake by any other person.
- No person under 16 years of age shall operate a motorboat or personal watercraft upon the lake. *Exception: Youth 14 years or older who have completed a boating safety course approved by the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and have a boating safety certificate issued by the boating safety course provider in his/her possession. Adult supervision is required.*
- USCG-approved personal flotation devices are required to be worn by all operators and passengers of personal watercraft, hand/human propelled boats, sailboards and sailboats.
- USCG-approved personal flotation devices must be in motorboats for every adult attendant, and youth must have personal flotation devices on their person. *(Youth 17 and under)*
- During hours of operation for motorized and personal motorized watercrafts, no more than five (5) watercraft, shall be permitted to operate on the lake at any time. **“Operate being defined as moving in the rotation of boat traffic. Mooring or beached watercraft are not considered operational.”**
- During motorized watercraft operation, all traffic shall move in a counter-clockwise direction.
- Swimming or diving from any watercraft is prohibited.

- Operation of **ALL** watercraft is prohibited during an electrical storm.
- No motorized watercraft shall be operated while the operator or any occupant is standing or sitting on the gunwale or bow or in any unsafe position. Watercraft operation is only allowed in the designated boating and water-skiing areas. *(See Map)*
- Watercrafts operator must be aware of shoreline and swimming areas at all times.
- Remote controlled boats are only allowed in the southwest end of the lake during the hours of 11 AM-5 PM, and should not go further than fifty (50) feet of shore. *(See Map)*

Due to the possibility of damage to the lake liner, only approved anchoring devices will be permitted on or around the lake.

WATER-SKIING ON PROSPECT LAKE

- Water-skiing shall be permitted only during “wake allowed” operation times.
- Each water-skier shall wear a USCG-approved personal flotation device in serviceable condition.
- Water-skiing is prohibited within fifty (50’) feet of shore.
- No watercraft shall follow a water-skier closer than one hundred fifty feet (150’), except when their own skier is in the water.
- All watercraft towing water-skiers shall have aboard a responsible observer, in addition to the operator, who shall, when launching a water-skier, when a water-skier falls down in the water, when signaling to return to the shore or when the watercraft is retrieving its water-skier, conspicuously display a flag.
- The launching and discharging of water-skiers at the shore shall be limited to the designated area only. *(See Map)*
- Water ski towropes shall be no longer than one hundred feet (100’) in length.
- Watercraft towing water-skiers shall have the right of way over other watercraft.

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EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

As set forth by the Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations

- One personal flotation device of a type approved by the commandant of the USCG in good and serviceable condition, and in a readily accessible place of storage for each person on board a watercraft.
- Additional equipment designed to promote navigational safety to include, but not limited to: sounding device, bailing device, fire extinguisher, and orange flag. (See Water-skiing)
- If not an entirely open vessel and if carrying or using any inflammable or toxic fluid in any enclosure for any purpose, an efficient natural or mechanical ventilation system which shall be capable of removing any resulting gases prior to and during the time such vessel is occupied by any person.
- Personal watercraft equipped by the original manufacturer with an engine cutoff switch lanyard that shall attach to his/her person, clothing, or PFD, as appropriate for the specific watercraft.
- Watercraft owner shall be subject to an equipment inspection at any time while participating in boating activities at Prospect Lake.



ENFORCEMENT

Authorized by City Code, Section 4.2.101
City police, fire officials and designated PRCS personnel are authorized to enforce all ordinances, rules and regulations.

Non-scheduled users may use the lake if there is no scheduled group. If any scheduled user of the lake arrives at the boat ramp or beach to launch their watercraft, non-scheduled users shall immediately vacate the lake.
NOTE: Scheduled and non-scheduled users may not be on the lake at the same time.

If a non-scheduled user of the lake does not vacate as described above, a description of the watercraft and its operator, in addition to the state registration number shall be reported to Sertich Ice Center or CSPD dispatch (719) 444-7000.

Weather in Colorado Springs is unpredictable and can change rapidly, becoming dangerous to boaters. Be aware of rapid cloud build up, drop in temperature and sudden changes in wind direction or speed as these may signal the arrival of dangerous weather conditions.

When lightning is seen or thunder is heard near the lake, it is strongly recommended that people take immediate shelter in their cars. It is not safe to take shelter under a tree or anywhere within 100 feet (100') of the shore when lightning is present. As a rule of thumb, boaters can return to the water thirty minutes after the last audible thunder is heard or lightning seen.

Violators of ordinances, rules or regulations concerning the conduct or operation of vessels on or around the lake area may be:

1. Removed from the lake.
2. Cited by an enforcement officer.
3. Have watercraft permit revoked.

QUAIL LAKE

915 East Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard



**Gas powered motorized watercraft are prohibited on lake.
All boats/vessels to be operated in a wakeless manner.**

Boat Permit Required
Permits available

Sertich Ice Center: October 1-April 30; Mondays-Fridays; 8 AM-5 PM
Prospect Lake Boat House: May 1-September 30; 9 AM-5 PM

BOATING HOURS

Daily; Sunrise-Sunset

QUAIL LAKE PARK RULES

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all City parks. (Ord. 18-1-101).
- Charcoal fires are permitted only within a grill. All charcoal fires must be properly extinguished before the user leaves the park. No wood fires are permitted.
- All pets must be kept on a leash and are not permitted to run at large in any park. Additionally, all pet excrement must be deposited in a waste receptacle.
- Place trash in the receptacles. If there is no receptacle, please take the trash with you.
- All automobiles must be parked in a designated parking area.
- State fishing license is required.
- Persons using park property shall be responsible for any and all damages to property and injury to persons.
- It is unlawful to deface, damage or remove park property, including natural and historical objects. No rope, wire, or other contrivance may be attached to any tree or plant.
- It is unlawful to camp or spend the night in any City park.
- Any use of amplified equipment must be approved by Code Enforcement.
- Signs are not permitted to be attached to any park sign, traffic sign, tree, stake, post, gate, etc. Parks Division Manager or designee must approve banners, balloons or other decor.

WATERCRAFT USE ON QUAIL LAKE

Authorized by City Code, Section 4.2.101

- No person shall use any watercraft on Quail Lake in a careless or reckless manner or as to interfere with the reasonable use or enjoyment of the lake by any another person.
- Adult supervision is required for all youth under the age of 18.
- USCG-approved personal flotation devices are required to be worn by all operators and passengers.
- Swimming or diving from any watercraft is prohibited.
- Operation of all watercraft is prohibited during an electrical storm.

MEMORIAL PARK

196 acres of park land

PARK HOURS

November 1 to April 30: Daily; 5 AM-9 PM
May 1 to October 31; Daily, 5 AM-11 PM

ABOUT THE PARK

Prospect Lake Bath House: the YMCA and City of Colorado Springs have teamed up. The YMCA will operate and supervise Prospect Lake swim beach.

For more information, see <http://ppymca.org>

Boat House: Vendor TBA

Sertich Ice Center: an NHL-size ice surface, seating for 2,000 spectators, over 500 rental skates, multipurpose rooms, game room and locker rooms.



Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP)/

Sports Office: hub to organized Youth and Adult sports and programs for persons with disabilities

Tennis Center: 15 courts, 11 are lighted

Other facilities: large-group picnic area (by reservation), skate park, bicycle velodrome, horseshoe courts, multi-play courts, playgrounds, 1.25 mile Prospect Lake Fitness Trail (hiking, biking, jogging, fitness), restrooms, basketball courts, 2 softball fields, 1 baseball field, 6 sand volleyball courts, 3 large open space areas, the Memorial Park Recreation Center and several Memorials sites

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- Please place trash in the receptacles. If there is no receptacle nearby, please take the trash with you.
- All automobiles must be parked in a designated parking area. Only supply and handicapped vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lots.
- Persons using park property shall be responsible for any and all damages to property and injury to persons.
- Groups in reserved areas must produce a permit upon request.
- It is unlawful to deface, damage or remove park property, including natural and historical objects. No rope, wire, or other contrivance may be attached to any tree or plant.
- It is unlawful to camp or spend the night in any City park.
- Organized games such as football, softball and horseshoes must take place in areas designated for that specific activity.
- Any use of amplified equipment must be approved by Code Enforcement. Call CSPD Dispatch at (719) 444-7000.
- Signs are not permitted to be attached to any park sign, traffic sign, tree, stake, post, gate, etc. Parks Manager or designee must approve banners, balloons or other decorations.

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FISHING

- License required.
- Only fishing shall be permitted between the shore and the buoy lines, north and south ends. **At no time is fishing permitted from the dock.**
- Fishing shall be permitted south of the bathhouse and on the northeast side of the lake, **except during special events.** **Fishing shall be permitted around the entire lake October 1-April 30, but all areas can/will be closed for Special Events.**
- No ice-related fishing activities shall be permitted on Prospect Lake.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Adaptive Water-Ski Program is coordinated by the Recreation Services Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP). The equipment is specifically designed for individuals with physical disabilities. The program operates Wednesdays from the middle of June through the beginning of August. For information, contact (719) 385-6958.

The lake is closed to ALL WATERCRAFT activities during this program.

* **Adaptive Water-Ski Program**
Wednesdays; June 22-August 3;
8 AM-3:30 PM

* **Spish Splash Bash**
Tuesday, August 23; 8 AM-3 PM

Adaptive Kayaking
Tuesdays; August 16, 30, and September 6
8:30 AM-1:30 PM **NOTE: Motorized vessels must clear lake by 8 AM on all 3 dates**

*Denotes Exclusive Use



PARK & CITY-WIDE SPECIAL EVENTS

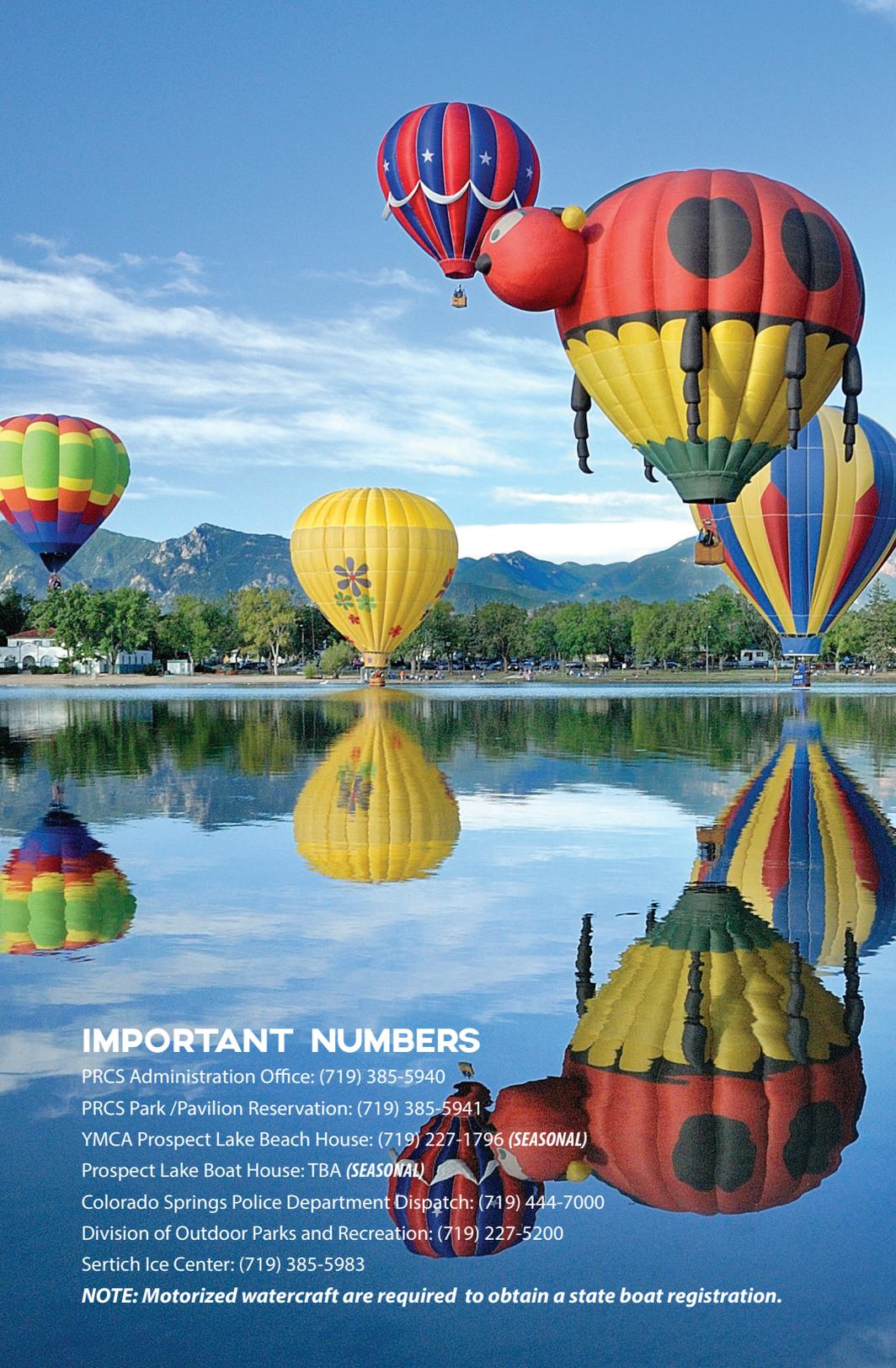
The Office of Special Events may pre-empt lake hours and/or CLOSE the lake to all WATERCRAFT activities for the duration of the permitted event.

Current impacts include:

February 27	Special Olympics Polar Plunge
June 4	Get Outdoors Day (Fishing)
June 18-19	Pikes Peak Celtic Festival
July 3-4	4th of July Summer Symphony
July 21	RMSG (SUP)
July 22-23	RMSG Triathlon
July TBD	ROAR Adventure Race (SUP)
August 13-14	Spring Spree
August 22-26	GWN Dragon Boat Practice
August 27	GWN Dragon Boat Festival
September 3-5	Labor Day Lift-Off
September 17	IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial
September 25	COS Half Marathon (until 10 AM)

*Denotes complete Lake Operations Closure

For listing of Park/City-wide events, visit coloradosprings.gov/SpecialEvents



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

PRCS Administration Office: (719) 385-5940

PRCS Park /Pavilion Reservation: (719) 385-5941

YMCA Prospect Lake Beach House: (719) 227-1796 *(SEASONAL)*

Prospect Lake Boat House: TBA *(SEASONAL)*

Colorado Springs Police Department Dispatch: (719) 444-7000

Division of Outdoor Parks and Recreation: (719) 227-5200

Sertich Ice Center: (719) 385-5983

NOTE: Motorized watercraft are required to obtain a state boat registration.